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1. In early October Chinese Communist Army Headquarters was satisfied with the limited offensive operation saying that Chinese Communist troops without adequate air cover had inflicted heavy losses on United Nations forces.
2. Between 2 and 9 October Chinese Communist Army Headquarters in North Korea ordered about 150,000 troops of reserve units alerted for relief duty in the front lines during the current limited offensive. The majority of these troops consisted of reserves of the Inland Defense Command stationed in the vicinity of the 39th Parallel.¹
3. The Chinese Communists move relief troops forward in regimental groups at the rate of about 15 miles per day. Their movement is gradual but continuous. Heavy equipment and field pieces are transported by truck. One week's supply of food and ammunition is carried by individual soldiers. When a front line unit is hit hard, a fresh regiment moves into position. The troops being relieved are shuttled to rear areas for rest and regrouping.
4. In early October the major assembling areas for relief troops were Kaech'on (125-54, 39-42) (YD-4998), Yangdok (126-38, 39-13) (BU-9643), Hach'ong-ni (126-52, 39-13) (CU-1643), and Huich'on (126-16, 40-10) (BV-6749).

1. Comment. In early August the "Inland Operation Task Command" which was to include units of the 9 Army Group was being formed In early October the 9 Army Group was carried by FEC in rear areas in the vicinity of the 39th Parallel with a total strength of 112,250.

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